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The Senate Foreign Relations Committee is up in arms over the State Dept.'s refusal to report on its actions, particularly in the war-threatened Middle East.

The Senators are especially outraged because early this month they formally voted a resolution directing Secretary Dulles to send them daily reports. So far they haven't received any.

Sen. Kennedy (D-Mass.) caustically raised this matter at a private committee hearing. He was joined by Sens. Morse (D-Ore.) and Humphrey (D-Minn.). The trio assailed Secretary Dulles' "defiance" of the committee.

"I offered the motion that the State Dept. keep us informed on a day-to-day basis of the critical problems we now face, especially in the Middle East," said Kennedy. "The State Dept. has seen fit to ignore that official action by this committee. What are we going to do about that?"

"That's an excellent question," declared Morse, "and I'm glad Senator Kennedy asked it. It's long overdue that we find out what the State Dept. is up to."

"It is, indeed," added Humphrey. "I'm the chairman of the subcommittee on the Middle East, but not a single member of the State Dept. or any other agency of this Administration, has consulted me about this extremely perilous situation. This committee, and particularly my subcommittee, is supposed to be kept fully informed of what is going on in the Middle East, but all I know is what I read in the newspapers."

Morse questioned the chairman of the full committee, Sen. Green (D-R. I.), on whether the Congressional leaders of both

Morse contended that amounted to deception. "Their strategy is obvious," he said. "They wait for your approval of a plan, then they told you it was an accomplished fact. I contend we cannot permit that to go on. It's time we established the precedents of this committee."

"I'm beginning to feel very strongly they just don't care about this committee," said Green.

Sen. Smith (R-N.J.), who is quitting Congress this year, vigorously objected to that criticism. "It isn't a criticism," he said.

"What evidence do you have that they do care about this committee?" retorted Green. "You are a Republican and a loyal supporter of this Administration. Do they ever consult you? It's my information they don't consult you any more than they consult me."

Morse moved that the committee direct Dulles to appear for a full discussion. That was voted. Later, Dulles sent word he could not find the time to meet with the committee until next week. Meanwhile he would send Undersecretary Herter to substitute for him, he said.



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of them were informed at their White House conference that a decision had been made to send Marines to Lebanon.

"No, we were not told that directly," replied Green. "I wasn't aware there would be much intervention until a newspaperman told me about it when I returned to the Capitol."

"How did they tell you?" demanded Morse.

"That's what we ought to find out," said Sen. Mansfield (Mont.), Senate Whip. "We should summon Secretary Dulles and ask him a number of other questions to him. What distresses me greatly is that at the very time they were briefing us in the White House, they had actually gone out to land Marines in Lebanon. They didn't tell one word directly about that."